

On page 9, line 10: Please change "26" to -- 16 -- .

On page 9, line 18: Please delete "onto" and substitute -- of -- therefor.

On page 9, line 19: Please delete "tensioned" and substitute -- compressed -- therefor.

On page 10, line 1: After "piston", please insert -- rod -- .

On page 11, line 9: Please delete "is" and substitute -- its -- therefor.

On page 12, lines 1 and 6: Please delete "29" and substitute -- 39 -- therefor.

On page 12, line 2: Please delete "33" and substitute -- 23 -- therefor.

On page 12, line 8: Please change "drive 27" to -- connector 28 -- .

On page 12, line 9: After "piston 35", please insert the following: --, by means

*B2* of the pressure flowing between the partition 37 and the piston 35, -- .

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 18 as follows.

*Sub C1*  
18. (Amended) A blade holder for cutting machines, said blade holder comprising:

a blade head secured [at] to a lowering device and comprising a blade head housing having a chamber;

said blade head having a blade holding member [adapted to receive a circular blade];

a circular blade retained in said blade holding member;

an advancing device mounted in said blade head housing;